

Remarks

Claims 1-20 are pending in the application. Claims 1-10 and 15 are amended. Claim 1 is the independent claim. Reconsideration in view of the amended application is respectfully requested.

The examiner objected to the claims because of several noted informalities. The claims are amended to correct these informalities. The objection, therefore, should be withdrawn. Please note that claim 3, at line 7, was not amended to add the word --unit-- after "said flow switch." "Said flow switch" in claim 3 refers back to "a flow switch" recited at line 20 of claim 1, and not to "a flow switching unit" recited at line 18 of claim 1.

Based on the foregoing, it is submitted that all objections have been overcome. It is therefore requested that the Amendment be entered, the claims allowed, and the case passed to issue.

Respectfully submitted,



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